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MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Leza Wainwright 

RE: SFY 08-09 Request for Reporting of County Expenditures and
Implementation of Voluntary Reporting of County Population Groups

This is to follow-up my previous memorandum of January 26, 2009 on County Funds expenditure reporting that is detailed on the Division web site at:

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/mhddsas/announce/2009/countyfundsreporting.pdf>.

As you will recall, this previous reporting procedure was implemented in response to Session Law 2007-323 (HB 1473), Section 10.49(ff) that requires LMEs to:

"report annually to the Division all expenditures from county funds by the LME for services, start-up expenses, and capital and operational expenditures, regardless of the source of the funds and regardless of whether the funds were earned on a payment for service or grant basis. This reporting shall include specific information regarding the expenditure of all funds provided to the LME by the county or counties contained in the LME's catchment area and the amount of expenditures for services provided by the multicounty LME to residents of each county in the multicounty LME's catchment area. To the extent possible, the information shall be submitted through the Integrated Payment and Reimbursement System."

Thank you for your previous reporting in February, 2009 of the *LME Annual Report on Utilization of County Funds: SFY 2007-2008*, using the Excel spreadsheet template provided.

As you will recall, the County Funds Workgroup (fiscal officers and IT professionals from four LMEs, representatives from the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and the NC Council of Community Programs, and Division staff) determined that this report should continue to be submitted on a fiscal year basis to report on all county expenditures within the fiscal year being reported.

Attached you will find the SFY 2008-2009 *Annual Report* which should be submitted by e-mail by Monday, August 31, 2009 to Wanda.Mitchell@ncmail.net. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Wanda Mitchell at Wanda.Mitchell@ncmail.net or (919) 733-7013, or Spencer Clark at (919) 733-4670 or Spencer.Clark@dhhs.nc.gov.



In addition, due to requests from LMEs to be able to include information on County Population Groups served using county only funds in the calculation of various performance measures, the County Funds Workgroup recommended that the Division develop a mechanism within IPRS to allow counting of County consumers for such measures.

The Division is accordingly implementing the option for LMEs to utilize, on a strictly voluntary basis, the enrollment of county consumers in one of six newly redefined TNC population groups. This mechanism includes the re-activation of the former Transitional Non-Covered (TNC) population groups, that have now been redefined as Tracking North Carolina County (TNC) consumers. Enrollment in such a group should be utilized only if the consumer is not eligible for any other regular target population group.

Six TNC population groups are being activated effective 7/1/2009, one for each age disability group (AMTNC, ADTNC, ASTNC, CMTNC, CDTNC, and CSTNC). The definitions for each redefined TNC population group are being posted on the DMH IPRS website under "Target Populations", as well as updated references to the Service Array, and the Diagnosis Code-Population Group array.

A consumer only needs to be enrolled in a county population group if the LME uses county funds to pay for services that the consumer receives, and the LME would like to have this information incorporated in the calculation of claims-based performance indicators published in the Division's quarterly *Community Systems Progress Report*. In this circumstance, a consumer should be enrolled in the single county population group that represents the consumer's principal or primary diagnosis and the main focus of attention or treatment, and that is chiefly responsible for the need for services received for the current episode of care. It is not necessary for all consumers to be enrolled in a county population group. A consumer will not be able to be enrolled in more than one county population. A consumer will not be able to be concurrently enrolled in a county population group and any other regular IPRS population group. This change is only applicable for DMH IPRS processing.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in responding to these matters.

Enclosure

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